IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Cary L. Bates, et al. Date: March 20, 2007 Group Art Unit: 2191 IBM Corporation

Examiner: Z. Wei Intellectual Property Law Serial No.: 10/720,961 Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1 Filed: November 24, 2003 3605 Highway 52 North Rochester, MN 55901

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

EFFICIENTLY DEVELOPING ENCODED INSTRUCTIONS BY TRACKING MULTIPLE UNVERIFIED INSTANCES

OF REPETITIVE CODE SEGMENTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 2313-1450

Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated December 20, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-8, 10-13 and 15-18.

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The appeal fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for other than a small entity is \$500.00. Please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0465 in the amount of \$500.00.

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- (a) Any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16; and
- (b) Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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